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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Harry A. Grosso

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the second partitioning slat (claim 2) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor (1,523,136) in view of Guay et al (2003/01646645 A1, September 4, 2003).

4. O'Connor discloses a receptacle (1) with a pair of first assembling bodies (2) having an insertion slit (7) at a middle section and a partitioning slat (8). The slits at each end of the assembling bodies can also act as perforations.

5. O'Connor does not teach a pair of second assembling bodies. Guay et al discloses a partition (assembling body) (8, Figures 1 and 2) between two assembling bodies having bending sections at each end extending in opposite directions and slits in the middle section to allow engagement of partitioning slats (paragraph 0018). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the use of the assembling bodies (partition) with bending sections at each end and middle section slits as disclosed by Guay et al at the end perforations of the first assembling bodies of O'Connor to create a rectangular frame to provide a means for using partitions in both directions across the receptacle.

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Connor and Guay et al as applied to claim 1 in view of Swingley, Jr. O'Connor and Guay et al disclose the invention of claim 1 but do not teach the use of a second partitioning slat. Swingley, Jr. discloses a receptacle with a first (64) and a second (66) partitioning slat inserted into insertion slits (Figure 1) and the first partitioning slat having a split (76 Figure 4) for insertion into a split (76) on the second partitioning slat (column 6, lines 40-

47). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the use of first and second partitioning slats with splits for joining them as disclosed by Swingley, Jr. in the receptacle disclosed in claim 1 to provide a means of dividing the receptacle in two directions to create an increased number of compartments.

Conclusion

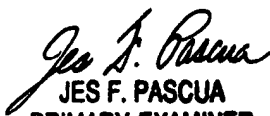
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sunka (6,493,917) disclosed a partitioning frame in a receptacle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry A. Grosso whose telephone number is 571-272-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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